

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 31-47, 49, 51, and 53-63 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1-30, 48, 50, 52 and 64-79 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 32, 45, and 53 are amended. Support for these amendments is found in the specification as originally filed, as well as in the claims as originally and previously presented.

No new matter is added.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants are grateful to Examiner Yaen for the telephonic interview conducted with the undersigned on November 9, 2006. Examiner Yaen and the undersigned discussed amendments proposed by the Examiner to place the claims in form for allowance. These amendments are presented herein.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed electronically on November 10, 2006 in order to ensure that the Examiner's consideration of related application US 2001/0038841 (US Serial No. 09/875,349) is of record. Please indicate consideration of the reference by initialing the SB/08a form and returning a copy of the initialed form with the next action.

CONCLUSION

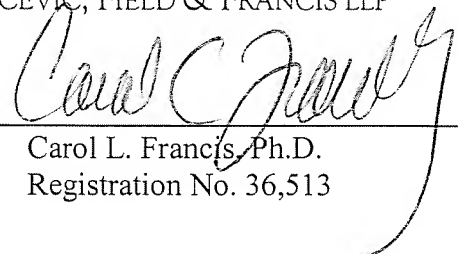
Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number IRVN-001DIV2.

Respectfully submitted,

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